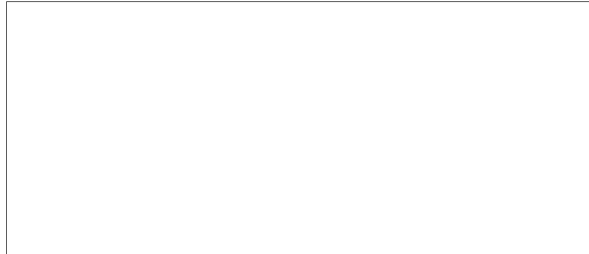


TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The twenty-fifth meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Thursday, 27 July 1950. Present were:



25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

Item I. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Item II.



A resume of action taken concerning the establishment of radio base in [redacted] together with the proposed letter to be transmitted to the Chief of Staff, [redacted] over the DCI's signature has gone forward. It is not known what action was taken by the DCI.

A paper prepared by [redacted] was received by the Communications Division. This paper dealt with various quid pro quos which might be employed in negotiations with the [redacted] Government relative to the rights for a CIA radio base. Pending the [redacted] reaction to the DCI letter referred to above, it was decided to take no action on this memorandum.

Item III.



It was informally learned that [redacted] indicated that it would be inappropriate for him to undertake negotiations with the [redacted] and that some other approach would be necessary. Mr. [redacted] indicated, however, that he would be available for consultation and assistance when these negotiations got under way. The Chief, Communications Division stated that subject to approval of ADSO, he would consult with [redacted] on the matter of the [redacted] and would report the results.

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Item V. GAI for OSO and OPC Crypto Personnel in the Field

A paper of instructions to headquarters personnel on this subject and a parallel one for field personnel were distributed to members of the Board. These papers were to be studied and discussed at the next meeting.

Item VI. Agent Communications Gear Stock Levels.

25X1 [] of OSO gave a summary of the current budgetary situation and stated that, as yet, no final figures had been approved. A paper was then presented by Commo showing agent equipment stock figures based on actual contracts. It was recommended that the Communications Division draw up cost estimates required to bring stocks of agent equipment, as agreed upon by the Board, to the proposed level by 1 July 1951 rather than 1 January 1952. Inasmuch as this change of date would result in the need for additional funds in the 1951 budget, the Chief, Communications Division was requested to institute proper action within CIA to procure the necessary extra funds. (Among those items which were taken into consideration in this cost estimate were estimated commitments of equipment between now and 1 July 1951 and any sums of money which have been previously included in the 1951 budget for this purpose.)

Item VII. Assignment of Mobile Base Station to []

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25X1 The recommendations of the Chief, Communications Division on the disposition of the second [] base station were presented to the Board for approval. After a brief discussion on the actual location to be chosen, it was agreed that in addition to specifying []
25X1 [] parenthetical phrase would be added in which []
[] in that order, were to be indicated as the recommended areas. This recommendation was approved by the Board, and the item was dropped from the agenda.

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Item VIII. Overseas Cable Instructions

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item IX. New Business.

25X1 It was agreed that further discussion of S. O. Directive No. [] was in order and that this would be taken up at the next meeting as an item on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

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